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Justice Ketchum to speak to new citizens **For immediate release Thursday, June 2, 2011**

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – West Virginia Supreme Court Justice Menis E. Ketchum will be the guest speaker at the naturalization ceremony at 11 a.m. Monday, June 6, in the Robert C. Byrd United States Courthouse in Charleston.

The ceremony will be held in the seventh-floor courtroom of Chief U.S. District Judge Joseph R. Goodwin.

About fifty people are expected to become naturalized citizens after taking an oath which Judge Goodwin will administer.

Justice Ketchum was elected to a twelve-year term on the Supreme Court in 2008. He was born in 1943 in Huntington, W.Va., and raised in Wayne County. He was educated in Wayne County public schools before attending Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, where he played varsity baseball and was a member of the 1964 Mid-American Conference Championship Baseball Team.

Justice Ketchum returned to West Virginia to attend West Virginia University College of Law. While in law school he was a contributing writer and associate editor for the *West Virginia Law Review*. He received his law degree in 1967 and returned to Huntington to join his father, Chad W. Ketchum (1911-1998), in the practice of law with the firm of Greene, Ketchum & Baker. He practiced at that firm and its successors, eventually becoming the senior partner, until his election to the Court.

Justice Ketchum also served as a member of the Board of Governors of Marshall University from 2002 until his campaign for the Court, and served as Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board from 2003 until 2008.

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